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GDR MATERIAL RESERVES (18 pp; German; date of information distribution date 16 July 1952).

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The first ^{6 pages} of this photostat document is a report ^{prepared by the Ministry of Finance, Main Department for the State Budget} on an inspection of the state material reserves, dated ~~18~~ 8 January 1951. The inspection took place ~~between~~ 9 - 12 December 1950. The inspectors reported all sorts of irregularities, such as a loss of 18.5 million DM which showed up when the storing of consigned goods at people-owned enterprises was brought to an end; the removal of 160,000 DM worth of goods from the State Material Reserve for which no releases were given, etc. There are stocks of such items as hunting rifles (7,998) and clinical thermometers (600,000) which do not seem ^{over all items} important enough to be held in stock when consideration must be given to the ~~great importance~~ of the 5-Year Plan. Several suggestions are offered for ways to overcome these difficulties.

There is a ^{1-page} table showing a break-down of losses in the various DHZ (German Center for Trade). Another ^{4-page} table gives a detailed breakdown of stocks on hand as of 31 Dec. 1950 in tons and DM. These are divided into the following categories: Petroleum and oil 5,307,518.01 DM; metallurgy 4,846,392.09 DM; machine-building 3,689,426.50 DM; chemicals 7,703.20 DM plus 3,177,514.04 DM; lumber 215,176.77 DM; textiles 19,020,407.95 DM. Each category is then broken down into specific products. It is not made clear where these items are stored.

The remainder of the document consists of tables and balance sheets of reserve stocks in 1949.

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